



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Adam McCluskey, et al.

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Title: ANHYDRIDE MODIFIED
CANTHARIDIN ANALOGUES
USEFUL IN THE TREATMENT
OF CANCER

) Examiner: Owens, Amelia A.

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION

In response to the Office Communication mailed November 30, 2001, in connection with the above-identified application, the time for responding having been extended to May 30, 2002, Applicants elect group I, claims 1 to 3 and 27 to 29, for prosecution in the application, with traverse. As to the election of species requirement from claim 26, it is unclear to Applicants why a species is to be elected since the Group I claims, which do not include claim 26, have been elected for prosecution. Furthermore, claims 4 and 5, directed to various generic compounds, have not been addressed in the Restriction Requirement. Thus, Applicants respectfully request clarification of the 1) election of species requirement; and 2) status of claims 4 and 5.

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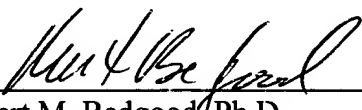
CONCLUSION

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned in order to clarify the election of species requirement and the status of claims 4 and 5 at (858) 509-4065.

A check for the requisite fee and petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 is enclosed. However, if the check is omitted or insufficient, please charge any additional fees, or make any credits, to Deposit Account No. 03-3975, Order No. 080905-0272441.

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